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"You have a really popular game called football. In my country, there's like Thai Boxing, but it's not really popular today... But football games, you do it really uniquely. Even in my country, it's popular to Native Thai people."

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Junior Mallory Norton and Student Body President Duncan Waugaman chat with Mayor Steve Williams at the final Coffee with the Mayor event of the semester Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center.

CAFFIENATED CONVERSATIONS

By EMILY RICE
THE PARTHENON

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams visited Marshall University's campus Tuesday for the last Coffee with the Mayor event of the semester.

"This is my favorite time of the month," Williams said. "I get here, and I am able to talk business, but I am able to be on campus. It always lifts me up."

Many different types of people attended this particular forum, from faculty and students to residents of Huntington, according to Bryan Chambers, director of communications for the city of Huntington.

"While it is predominately students who are coming in and chatting, we also find that faculty and administrators take part in it as well," Chambers said. "The dean of the College of Business came in a little bit ago to discuss some economic development opportunities, so it is very encouraging to see not just students take part, but also faculty, administrators and staff."

While they have appreciated the enthusiastic turnouts at the events in the past, Chambers said it is not the numbers that count.

"Even if just five people come up and share their input, it is worth it, because it is five more people that now have a voice," Chambers said.

The event is not only important to Huntington's government, but to Marshall's Student Government Association as well, according to Student Body President Duncan Waugaman.

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- Mayor Steve Williams

"When the mayor came into office, he knew that he wanted to make a relationship with Marshall University, and he went to the student government to do that," Waugaman said. "E.J. Hassan was the president before me. He set up this event and we have been able to continue it, and it is awesome because the mayor loves to come here and meet anyone who wants to talk to him."

Waugaman said the last coffee event was particularly important because of the upcoming winter break.

"Even though we are not going to be at school, we still have a lot of students that are a part of the Huntington community," Waugaman said. "This is a chance for them to come and talk to the mayor and express some concerns and tell him what he is doing a good job on, because he is doing a very good job."

Even first time attendees to the event walked away with a great impression of Mayor Williams and the event.

"This is my first one," said Mallory Norton, business management junior. "He is very personable, very outgoing and he makes you feel comfortable. It

is really more laid back than you would expect."

Williams said the issues that come up at every monthly Coffee with the Mayor are different.

"We start seeing trends with the seasons," Williams said. "People are now concerned about how we are going to handle the streets once the weather starts getting really bad."

Attendees were also concerned with Huntington's ongoing battle against drugs.

"I had some people talking about

wanting to understand what we are doing about the drug issue," Williams said. "They came to say thank you, but they really didn't know the details, so we talked to them about how we are doing it."

Williams also said the city has made some improvements as a result of hearing the concerns of students and faculty.

"Safety around campus is still a concern," Williams said. "We put additional lighting on Fifth Avenue and Third Avenue and increased our patrols in the area."

These types of forums allow the city to stay in tune with the needs of its citizens, and in this case, the needs of its students.

"I look forward to being here, it helps me stay in touch at Marshall, and now I get so that I see students that I know," Williams said. "I am seeing friends. I am not just that one old guy over there with a suit on, they know that I am their mayor and I am visiting with my constituents."

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SNOWBALL SOFTBALL RETURNS FOR BIGGER CONTEST

By BRYAN BOZEMAN
THE PARTHENON

The Annual Snowball Softball Tournament kicks off Jan. 25 and 26. All games will be played at local parks rain, snow or shine. The tournament has been going on for 10 years and has been growing in popularity.

Softball director Brian Hankins said many teams have been coming to the event for years, and people come from all over the world to participate.

"We have a lot of teams that drive six to eight hours every year, and they love coming," Hankins said. "There is a big group of people from Ohio that are all good friends, and they have been coming to the tournament for years now."

Hankins said the skill levels of past participants range from intermediate to expert, and many gifted players have competed.

"There has been some major league talent at the tournament in the past," Hankins said. "Jason Moore, who played for the Diamondbacks, has played in our tournament several times."

The event features a men's tournament and a co-ed tournament, which are held on separate days so there are no scheduling issues for participants that want to compete both days.

"We have the tournaments on different days because a lot of people play on a men's team all year

and want to play with them," Hankins said. "But they also want to play with their wives and girlfriends, and we want to make sure they have the opportunity to do both. With some tournaments, you might be scheduled to play with your co-ed team at the same time as you are with your other team. Breaking the tournaments up over two days prevents that from happening."

Huntington has some of the of largest softball leagues in the state and offers people of a variety of ages and abilities the chance to play and meet new people.

"Huntington has the largest adult softball league in the area with 74 teams," Hankins said. "Our location allows us to pull people from the surrounding states."

Hankins said the tournament is meant to be a fun experience for all who attend.

"I want to make this an enjoyable event for everyone," Hankins said. "I hope everyone that comes wants to come back."

The sign up fee is \$150, and each team is allowed to field 10 players. The softballs are provided, but teams are expected to bring their own bats and gloves. All teams must be registered for the tournament by Jan. 16.

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Keith Albee presents red-nosed classic

**By SHALEE ROGNEY
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“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” first aired Dec. 6, 1964 and is being brought to life on stage for the first time since the show was aired on television. Marshall Artists Series is bringing the Christmas classic to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

The show, on tour for the first time, is staying true to the Christmas classic, but adding extra songs and dance numbers. The show is appealing to the younger generation who have never seen the performance and the older generation who grew up on the classic.

Production on the show began two weeks before the first show Nov. 21, 2014, in Hartford, Connecticut.

Before putting on a performance at a new venue, the production crew spends the two days before the show perfecting the lights, sounds and distributing flyers.

Lexi Reed, who plays the lead role of Rudolph, said she is very excited to begin her role as the leading reindeer. Reed received the opportunity to soar across the stage and really bring this Christmas classic to life.

Reed was very impressed by how quickly the show came together. The path to production happened in two weeks.

“It was a very ambitious goal to put this show together in two weeks, but the show came

together great,” Reed said. Upon receiving the leading role, Reed took the lines one section at a time, but she stresses the fact that the ensemble carries a large portion of the show.

“I am nervous, but I don’t feel as nervous as the ensemble probably feels,” Reed said. “They have so many lines and dances to remember.”

Reed is one of only two actors to fly across the stage throughout the show. Flying is a technical additive to show that will bring the show to a whole new level.

“I am so excited and nervous to be flying in the show,” Reed said. “It’s something that I’ve never done before, and I am excited to see the reaction from the crowd.”

The show is an ensemble performance, which means that the actors in the show play multiple roles and participate in the dance numbers and songs.

“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical” will be at the Keith Albee Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

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Rudolph, the Red-Nose Reindeer: The Musical shows at the Keith Albee 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4.

COURTESY OF THE MARSHALL ARTISTS SERIES

Retired Marshall professor named commencement speaker

**By ALEX JAMES
THE PARTHENON**

Judith Silver, retired Marshall University mathematics professor, will be the featured speaker at the winter commencement ceremony Dec. 14 at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in downtown Huntington.

Silver, who taught mathematics at Marshall for 30 years before retiring last spring, said she is looking forward to sharing her experience with the graduates.

“I am honored to be invited to give the commencement address,” Silver said. “I am hoping that my remarks will be helpful to the graduates at some time in their life, so I think I will talk about regrets. At this point, I have five main ideas to share with them, along with some experience.”

Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp said Silver’s accomplishments and contributions to the university make her an excellent choice as commencement speaker.

“Dr. Silver made significant contributions to Marshall, the College of Science and the Department of Mathematics; but most importantly, to countless

students throughout her remarkable career,” Kopp said. “She succeeded in making the study of mathematics challenging, yet enjoyable, for her students. It is exceedingly appropriate she was selected as the 2013-14 recipient of the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award. We are honored she is willing to

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> **STEPHEN J. KOPP,
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT**

admiration for Judy and what she has accomplished here at Marshall.”

Silver earned her Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Kentucky in 1988. From 2002 to 2005, she served as the associate chair for the Department of Mathematics, after an appointment as the interim head for the Division of Mathematics and Applied Science. She later served as interim associate dean of the College of Science twice—during the 2005-06 academic year, and again during the 2008-09 academic year.

Silver will return to the classroom next spring to teach the Yeager Seminar on art and mathematics.

Marshall began conducting a winter graduation ceremony in 2008 with convocation at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center. Winter commencement began in 2009 and the tradition of having a faculty member deliver the keynote address has been a mainstay of the ceremony ever since. Commencement ceremonies begin at 2 p.m.

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speak at our winter commencement and we look forward with great anticipation and eagerness to hearing her address. She most assuredly will enhance this very important day in the lives of our graduates.”

Mathematics professor Evelyn Pupplo-Cody said she admires Silver for her many accomplishments.

“In the 30 years that I have known Judy, I have never heard anyone say a negative thing about her,” Pupplo-Cody said. “Her colleagues appreciate all of her hard work and dedication to her job and to Marshall University. Her students appreciate her focus, clarity and fairness. I have a great

Herd Holiday promotes Christmas spirit

**By HANNAH SAYRE
THE PARTHENON**

Students, faculty, staff and members of the Huntington community were invited to attend A Herd Holiday Tuesday at the Memorial Student Center.

The evening began with the lighting of the plaza by Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp and his wife Jane assisted by Mr. and Miss Marshall 2014, Cam Lyons and Morgan Wright.

There were many events the evening had to offer including a holiday photo with Marco, a hot chocolate and S’mores bar, ornament painting sponsored by the Pottery Place, a gingerbread house

building competition, letters to Santa, INTO Marshall holidays around the world and extended shopping hours in the MU bookstore.

Kopp said he was glad there was an activity for everyone to do.

“People began lining up for activities like the ornament painting, letters to Santa and a picture with Marco before the event started,” Kopp said. “This is the first year for an event like this where everyone in the community, not just student and faculty, have been invited. I think this will make for an even greater turn out next year.”

A Herd Holiday was sponsored by MU

communications, the campus activities board, MU student activities, and the Pottery Place.

Student Body President Duncan Waugaman said this is a great event because it is not exclusive to the university, which allows Marshall to connect with Huntington and the surrounding areas.

“This is very good community outreach for our university,” Waugaman said, “and a great way to get in the Christmas spirit and also get everyone fired up for the C-USA championship on Saturday.”

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Event participants paint ornaments in a portion of the event sponsored by Pottery Place Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center.

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ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON
Morgan Zerkle runs for second in a game at Dot Hicks Field.

Herd softball powered by local talent

By **AMBER PAYNE**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University’s softball team has six players from West Virginia. In the last few years, Marshall’s head coach, Shonda Stanton, has looked for local student-athletes who are going to help the Thundering Herd do big things. “Our goal is and always has been to secure the best student-athlete we can find that is going to help us win in the classroom on the field and in the community,” Stanton said. “I think when you look at our roster, we have done a fantastic job of finding those student-athletes locally and in the state that bring a great pride to the team and truly know what it means to bleed green. If you look at the success that they’ve had, student-athletes from West Virginia have impacted our program tremendously.” Sophomore outfielder Morgan Zerkle said she chose to attend Marshall to stay connected with her family in Milton. “I am close to my family and for them to be able to come out and watch my home games, that is something special that not a lot of people get to experience,” Zerkle said. “People in the community will walk up to me and know who I am. I think that is special.” Zerkle also said she is proud to play for such a successful team. “The softball program has been really successful the last few years, playing back-to-back and being in the championship,” Zerkle said. “They have a really great coach. The in-state academic scholarships, on top of softball, is all really good.” Junior infielder Alyssa Woodrum said she feels it is important to stay in her home state. “I wanted to stay in West Virginia from the beginning,” Woodrum said. “I was down to a couple schools, but it actually came down to the ministry part of Marshall. They have a Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and there is a college youth group that I wanted to be a part of that I couldn’t find at the other schools. So, it was a big deal.” Woodrum also said her childhood dream played a lot in her decision to attend Marshall. “I have grown up watching softball here,” Woodrum said. “I have always wanted to be a speech pathologist. There are only two schools in the state that have that program. It was this or West Virginia University. I obviously don’t want to go to WVU, I like the color green better.” Freshman utility player Madi Marshall said her reason for choosing to attend

Marshall was more than softball. “What really sold it for me was that they have the major that I was looking for, which is biomechanics, which is not offered a lot of other places,” Marshall said. “So, being able to do that and play softball was the total package to do what I want.” All three of the freshmen softball players are proud of being from West Virginia and playing with so many girls who are from their home state. “It’s awesome because it’s us small town girls in such a big school,” Marshall said. “We love it and we love where we are from. We wouldn’t change it for the world.” Woodrum said she thinks all of the West Virginia girls doing big things for the Herd have surprised people. “It has surprised a lot of people and affected how our coach actually wanted to play us,” Woodrum said. “It is not just we are West Virginia girls on the team, but we are actually competing, starting and doing great thing for the team.” Marshall said West Virginia softball players often get overlooked, but the current team has made people think twice. “It is just awesome to come from West Virginia,” Marshall said. “Being able to be close and be from here, and growing up watching them, it is surreal. We are such a powerhouse. We are predicted to win conference and it is all right here. It is such a great feeling.” Zerkle said she thinks having so many West Virginia recruits is great. “In the past, she (Stanton) didn’t recruit local players as much,” Zerkle said. “West Virginia is not a huge softball state. Most of the recruits are from California, Florida and places like that. Its good to see that there is still talent here.” Woodrum said she loves the tight knit community and support of Huntington. “I would never ever choose to live anywhere but West Virginia,” Woodrum said. “Huntington is just so great. I like the community, all the people here, the football program, and being around that and the history behind it. I have been here for three years, and I still get chills when I hear the ‘We are...’ No matter where it is.” The softball team will continue to localize its team and staff. Former outfielders, Ashley Gue and Samantha Spurlock, both from Huntington, were lil sis members and key contributors. Gue works as the director of doftball operations. Spurlock works in Buck Harless with softball directly. **Amber Payne can be contacted at hay26@marshall.edu.**

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Alyssa Woodrum (left) takes the field prior to a game against Miami (Ohio) at Dot Hicks Field March 26, 2014.

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Morgan Zerkle waits for the pitch against Miami (Ohio) at Dot Hicks Field March 26, 2014.

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Editorial

Suspended

UVA suspends fraternities until January while investigating rape allegations

After the release of an incriminating article in Rolling Stone detailing the gang rape of a woman at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity of the University of Virginia in 2012, the tradition-favoring university is covering its tail.

Convinced, since the article's publication, of the dangers of underage drinking, UVA's administration has taken measures in response, increasing police patrol area and hiring new counselors for its Women's Center as well as suspending all fraternity activities and associated parties until January. As students return from winter breaks, Teresa Sullivan, president of UVA, told CNN the university will assemble its students, faculty and alumni to discuss future ways to prevent sexual violence.

In taking steps to eliminate fraternity-affiliated happening UVA is sending a message — regardless of whether the university itself is doing enough to prevent sexual assault — that such behavior as the premeditated attacks detailed in the Rolling Stone piece are unacceptable. That the culture associated with Greek life has the change.

"They should not violate the rights of those who live by the rules simply because they are in some way affiliated with those who do not," wrote Peter Smithhisler, CEO of the North American Interfraternity Conference, in a CNN opinion piece highlighting the wrongs of suspending fraternity activities. "When fraternity is done right, I firmly

The bystander effect is real, especially in sexual assault situations. Knowing the crime is being perpetrated and doing nothing to stop it is roughly equivalent to giving approval to the perpetrator.

believe it is one of the best facets of college life."

But Smithhisler misses the point that fraternity is not being done right if sexual crimes are being committed within houses and are going unpunished. Such organizations should exist to hold their members accountable for not committing these disgusting acts — a necessity too ridiculous to even fathom.

Any community that allows rape culture to flourish should be held accountable, fraternities included. The fact that a gang-rape — that is, multiple participants in a shared crime — was able to take place within a fraternity house shows that the culture of that house and that fraternity was conducive to the crime, and that those committing it felt the risk was minimum.

If Greek culture is making sexual assault permissible, then it is entirely reasonable Greek life as a whole suffer the consequences. Even those who did not directly participate in the rape, but allowed it to happen or who operate under the same type of culture that allowed it to happen, need to realize they, too, are at fault.

The bystander effect is real, especially in sexual assault situations. Knowing the crime is being perpetrated and

doing nothing to stop it is roughly equivalent to giving approval to the perpetrator. Think about the kind of groupthink mentality that has to happen for a gang rape to take place — every person must be on the same page, but if just one person refuses to participate in the crime, it breaks the groupthink spell.

One of the skeptics of Rolling Stone's story about the rape, Richard Bradley, a former editor of George magazine, writes in his blog he doesn't believe it happened, at least how "Jackie" described it. Mainly, because he doesn't think anyone reacted the way people should. Particularly, as Jackie leaves the fraternity house where she was gang-raped during a raging party.

"Jackie makes her way downstairs, her red dress apparently sufficiently intact to wear; the party is still raging. Though she is blood-stained — three hours with shards of glass 'digging into her back,' and gang-raped, including with a beer bottle — and must surely look deeply traumatized, no one notices her," Bradley writes.

This is exactly the issue, however. The people on the campus of UVA reacted in a way that is unfathomable to some, if not most, people. You see a beaten woman, you react, whether you are two beers in or 10. The culture on this campus obviously needs to change.

Until it is proven true or false, something must be done to protect the women and men of UVA.

UNDER: An exterior view of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house at the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville, Va., the site of an alleged sexual assault of a student revealed in a Rolling Stone article published Nov. 19.

TOP: Members of the audience hold signs during a board of visitors meeting about sexual assault at the University of Virginia Nov. 25 in Charlottesville, Va.

BOTTOM: Protestors carry signs and chant slogans as they march along University Avenue on The Corner, a popular nighttime destination with bars and restaurants adjacent to the University of Virginia, Nov. 22 in Charlottesville, Va. The protest, the most well-attended of several throughout the day, was in response to the university's reaction to an alleged sexual assault of a student revealed in a recent Rolling Stone article.

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Column

Where's all the hair?

Even after a zombie apocalypse, television's women remain clean shaven.

By JOCELYN GIBSON
NEWS EDITOR

As per usual, a BuzzFeed article has been circulating on social media. I know — surprise, surprise. The article, a list, is "12 Female Characters Who Keep Shaving Despite Constant Peril" with the subtext "Just because you live in fear for your life doesn't mean you let yourself go, ladies!"

The article is comprised of stills from various television programs and movies with arrows pointing to the characters' bare pits, including those of every female character in "The Walking Dead" since 2010 and the ladies of "Gilligan's Island."

So, I am to believe that because my armpits are hairy I have let myself go and have no excuse to have done so since these fictional

characters have managed smooth pits despite their chaotic situations. Well, the good news is that the article is satirical, and it doesn't seem that BuzzFeed is challenging my decision to have fuzzy pits, in fact, they seem to agree that the portrayals of these hairless characters is unrealistic.

So why? Why is this a big trend in television series and movies? Whether or not it was an intentional message or the stars were just removing their body hair as usual, it would be inspiring to see a couple of female characters embracing their body hair and showing us how it's done.

Although the article clearly supports the stance of the character attribute being unrealistic, it ends with a plug for "The Walking Dead" midseason finale airing. Okay, it's a

widely popular show, but are we really going to plug it after realizing this subtle discrepancy that shows more than just inattention to detail — shaved armpits are expected of women in television, in movies and in the real world.

What I find interesting is the difference between myself and the actresses in this article: the times I shave my armpits are significantly fewer than the times I don't, meaning most days out of the year I will be rocking anything from light stubble to a full grown pit mane.

If I were called on to act in any motion picture, I would have to be asked specifically to shave them in order to appear that way on screen. In the case of the women shown in the article, I imagine they either keep up with armpit stubble as a personal choice or they were asked to do so for filming. I may never know

what the situation is, but I am curious why I don't see more women like myself in movies and television.

However, if I am to believe Jezebel, I may get my wish in 2015 and then some. Mark Shrayber wrote in an article for the site, "2015 is going to be about two things, and two things only: Armpit hair and colorful dyes." Shrayber isn't the only one; sites dedicated to beauty and style are predicting similar outcomes, and tips and tricks for perfecting the armpit dye job are available in the form of YouTube video tutorials.

I, for one, would be pleased to see other women embracing their underarm hair, and — if they wish — having a little fun by dyeing it.

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